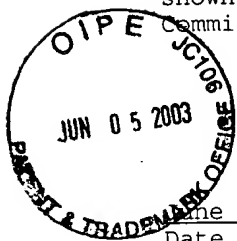


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 2, 2003. Applicants petition for an extension of time for a total period of two months to respond to that Office Action which concerns the above-identified application. A response in

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No additional fee should be required for the accompanying response. The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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